U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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Foreign Assembler's Declaration

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments; Extension without change of an existing collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). The information collection is published in the *Federal Register* to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and must be submitted (no later than [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]) to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice must include the OMB Control Number 1651-0031 in the subject line and the agency name. Please use the following method to submit comments:

Email. Submit comments to: CBP_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov.

Due to COVID-19-related restrictions, CBP has temporarily suspended its ability to receive public comments by mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional PRA information should be directed to Seth Renkema, Chief, Economic Impact Analysis Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Trade, Regulations and Rulings, 90 K Street NE, 10th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20229-1177, Telephone number 202-325-0056 or via email CBP PRA@cbp.dhs.gov. Please note that the contact information provided here is solely

for questions regarding this notice. Individuals seeking information about other CBP

programs should contact the CBP National Customer Service Center at 877-227-5511,

(TTY) 1-800-877-8339, or CBP website at https://www.cbp.gov/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CBP invites the general public and other Federal

agencies to comment on the proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to

the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). This process is conducted

in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8. Written comments and suggestions from the public and

affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points: (1) whether the

proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions

of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy

of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including

the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) suggestions to enhance the

quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) suggestions to minimize

the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through

the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection

techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission

of responses. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the

request for approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Overview of This Information Collection

Title: Foreign Assembler's Declaration

OMB Number: 1651-0031

Form Number: N/A

Current Actions: Extension without change

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Businesses

Abstract: In accordance with 19 CFR 10.24, a Foreign Assembler's Declaration must be made in connection with the entry of assembled articles under subheading 9802.00.80, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS, 19 U.S.C. 1202). This declaration includes information such as the quantity, value and description of the imported merchandise. The declaration is made by the person who performed the assembly operations abroad and it includes an endorsement by the importer. The Foreign Assembler's Declaration is used by CBP to determine whether the operations performed are within the purview of subheading 9802.00.80, HTSUS and therefore eligible for preferential tariff treatment.

19 CFR 10.24(c) and (d) require that the importer/assembler maintain records for 5 years from the date of the related entry and that they make these records readily available to CBP for audit, inspection, copying, and reproduction.

Instructions for complying with this regulation are posted on the CBP.gov website at:

http://www.cbp.gov/trade/trade-community/outreach-programs/trade-agreements/nafta/repairs-alterations/subchpt-9802.

This collection of information applies to the importing and trade community who are familiar with import procedures and with the CBP regulations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,730

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 128

Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses: 349,440

Estimated Time per Response: 50 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 291,083

Type of Information Collection: Foreign Assembler's Declaration (Record Keeping)

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,730

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 128

Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses: 349,440

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 29,004

Dated: February 28, 2023.

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